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ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Reply to [REDACTED] requirements for Exploitation of  
 New Talent Information (Mission 4125)- 6. "Project  
 IV." New Information on Soviet Uranium Mining  
 and Milling Activities.

REFERENCE : [REDACTED] requirement of 29 July 1959, TCS #5604/59. 25X1  
 page 5, paragraph 6.

1. A search of TALINT photography of Mission B 4125 of 9 July 1959, has failed to indicate any mines or mills which can be positively identified as devoted exclusively to the mining or processing of uranium or thorium minerals, respectively. A number of potential uranium or thorium producing districts, notably in the Ussuriysk region (55°N - 60°N), are unfortunately cloud covered. No exploitation of radioactive waters or springs was observed. Clouds cover the beryllium-lithium districts of Izumrud (57°00'N - 61°28'E) and Kurzinka (57°34'N - 61°00'E). No significant mining of beryl can be seen in the Ussuriysk district (57°15'N - 60°55'E).

2. The presence of numerous mills for concentrating gold, iron, or sulfide ores of the central and southern Urals is such as to provide facilities for concentrating small quantities (parcels) of uranium or thorium-bearing ores on a special or clean-up basis. Confirmation of the concentration of small amounts of uranium or thorium-bearing ores by the mill would require confirmation from other intelligence media or sources.

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